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SUBJ: TOP YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP MEETS ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

AND REVIEWS DEFENSE POSTURE

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1. TANJUG (YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY) DESPATCH AT 1515 HOURS OCTOBER 25 ANNOUNCED HOLDING OF EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF EXPANDED CONFERENCE OF THE EXECUTIV BUREAU OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE LEAGUE OF YUGOSLAV COMMUNISTS (LCY) WHICH WAS CHAIRED BY TITO AND INCLUDED TOP LEADERSHIP FIGURES IN PARTY, MASS ORGANIZATIONS, ARMY, AND GOVERNMENT AT BOTH FEDERAL AND REPUBLICAN/PROVIN- CIAL LEVELS.

2. DESPATCH SAID "AT THE CONFERENCE WAS REVIWED THAT CURRENT SITUATION

IN THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND ITS REPER-

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CUSSIONS ON THE FUTHER DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

AND ON THE POSITION OF YUGOSLAVIA. IN THAT CONTEXT, ALSO REVIEWED WERE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE STRENGTHENING OF DEFENSE CAPABILITY OF OUR COUNTRY, AND OF UNDERTAKING SECURITY MEASURES".

3. COMMENT. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE PAST SESSIONS OF THE "EXPANDED CONFERENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU" HAVE NOT INCLUDED SUCH A BROAD SPECTRUM OF YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP, AND IT CERTAINLY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ARRANGED IN THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT SINCE IT INVOLVES PEOPLE FROM OUTLYING REPUBLICS. FACT THAT MEETING ALSO (ACCORDING TO TANJUG) DEALT WITH "UNRESOLVED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS" AND "TASKS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE LCY" COULD INDICATE THAT IT HAD BEEN CONVENED FOR OTHER REASONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOVIET AMBASSADOR STEPANOV'S CALL YESTERDAY ON TITO (REFTEL), ITSELF UNUSUAL, WOULD (IF THERE IS A CONNECTION) HAVE LEFT AMPLE TIME TO GET THIS GROUP TO BELGRADE. LANGUAGE QUOTED ABOVE IMPLIES ALERT STATUS FOR YUGOSLAV MILITARY.
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